

In The Specification:

On page 4, please amend the following paragraphs after line 16, as added in the Amendments of July 14, 2003, as follows:

FIG. 9C is a diagram of an anchor piece according to the present invention having an anchor piece with a screw threading shape; and

FIG. 9D is a diagram of an anchor piece according to the present invention having an anchor piece with a knurled edge shape; and

On page 4, please add the following paragraph after line 16, after the paragraphs added in the Amendments of July 14, 2003, as follows:

FIG. 10 is a side view of the drive shaft according to the present invention as shown in FIG. 7.

On page 5, please rewrite the paragraph starting at line 17 as follows:

Such features 17 are illustrated in FIG. 3A. A feature 17 has two sections: a head piece 15 and an anchor piece 16. FIG. 3B displays examples of potential features inserted into a drive shaft 14. The head piece 15 can be of any shape or design. Three preferred embodiments, shown in FIG. 3B, are headed stud 18, straight pin 19, or ring-section shaped 20 head pieces 15, have been shown to be particularly effective, as are any form of fastener-shaped head.

On page 5, please rewrite the paragraph starting at line 23 as follows:

The anchor piece 16 is the portion of the feature 17 that is inserted into the drive shaft 14. The anchor piece 16 can be merely a straight cylindrical structure. However, structural modifications may be made to the anchor piece 16 to allow the feature 17 to anchor more securely to the drive shaft 14. Such modifications could include hooks as at 16', fins as at 16'', screw threading as at 16''', or knurled edges as at 16''''. These anchor piece shapes are shown in FIGS. 9A – 9D. The hooks 16' and fins 16'' are shown as dotted lines, and are representative without limitation of the shapes contemplated as “hooks” and “fins”.

On page 10, please rewrite the paragraph starting at line 1 as follows:

6, A particular embodiment of this invention includes a plurality of ring-section shaped features 21 arranged around the composite drive shaft 30 to form a ring. Such an embodiment is illustrated in the cross-sectional view of a composite drive shaft 30 of FIG. 7. A side view of the embodiment of FIG. 7 is illustrated in FIG. 10, where the cross-sectional view of FIG. 7 is taken through the ring-section shaped features 21. A plurality of ring-section shaped features 21 are placed around the circumference of the composite drive shaft 30. Together, they form a ring around the shaft. This is better viewed in FIG. 8, where such a composite shaft is shown without the second layer of composite fibrous material 36. This ring shape has more features 21 for greater strength. The shape of the head pieces 20 of the features 21 helps to distribute the stress forces in a torsional stress. This allows the composite drive shaft 30 to withstand the stress that it undergoes during the process of swaging.